



U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RECEIVED - JULY 31 2002

1651

PATENT: PC10887AJAK  
09/834,098

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
**MARIA S. BROWN**

Examiner: **IRENE MARX**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/834,098**

Art Unit: **1651**

FILING/RECEIPT DATE: **April 12, 2001**

RECEIPT

FOR: **MICROBIAL REDUCTASE USEFUL  
FOR THE STEREOSELECTIVE  
REDUCTION OF A RACEMIC TETRALONE**

AUG 06 2002

TECH CENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002, in the above-identified application and having an original period for response of one month. The above-noted Office Action indicates that, under 35 U.S.C. §121, claims 1 and 2 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, without waiver or prejudice.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the application.
2. Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, two groups, i.e., Group I (claim 1) and Group II (claim 2), have been designated by the Examiner. Claim 1 is being elected with traverse as Group I.
3. Claim 2 is being canceled, without waiver or prejudice, subject to the right to file a divisional application directed thereto.